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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Authority to Change Electric and Natural Gas Rates

3270-UR-110

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS AND PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Prehearing Conference Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2000 – 9:00 a.m.

Conference Location: Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way,

Madison, WI (Amnicon Falls Hearing Room – 1st Floor)

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider Madison Gas and Electric Company's (MGE) April 17, 2000, application requesting rate relief for electric and natural gas service in such amounts as will permit MGE to meet operating expenses and to produce a return on equity sufficient to attract and maintain capital at reasonable rates, and to consider its request that the Commission grant such other relief as may seem just, reasonable, and proper.

On April 17, 2000, MGE filed an application with the Commission pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03, 196.20, and 196.37, for authority to change rates for electric and natural gas services. This application contained MGE's financial information.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will hold a prehearing conference on Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Parties will be bound by the designation of issues and the schedule adopted at the prehearing conference. Persons who consider themselves to be potential parties should participate in the prehearing conference. Any person desiring to become a party shall file a

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request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3) no later than **noon**, Friday July 14, 2000. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge Jeffry J. Patzke, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director, at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Ronald A. Manke at (608) 266-0910.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,	
By the Commission:	
Lynda L. Dorr	
Secretary to the Commission	

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